Assistance to Sonepur Bazari Coal Mines

2393. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance provided by World Bank for Sonepur Bazari project near Raniganj of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the amount spent on developing and exploring coal-mines in West Bengal and Bihar; and

(c) the amount diverted for other purposes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). A loan amount of US $ 114.8 million is available from the World Bank for the Sonepur Bazari project of ECL. This is the only World Bank aided coal project being implemented in West Bengal. In Bihar, Block-II OCP of BCCL is also being implemented with World Bank assistance for which a loan amount US $ 57.7 million is available. The utilisation of loan in these two projects till 31.12.91 is as follows:-

	US $ million
Sonepur Bazari	1.67
Block - II OCP (Jharia Coking Coal)	50.39

No funds have ben diverted form the projects.

Memorandum of understandings with Public Sector undertakings

2394. SHRI M.V V.S. MURTHY: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings which have yet to sign Memorandum of Understanding with their respective administrative ministries;

(b) the time by which all the Public ector Under takings are likely to sign emorandum of Understanding; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this ard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). 120 Public Sector Enterprises have been identified for entering into Memoranda of Understanding with their administrative ministries/departments for the year 1992-93 and they have been advised to sign the Memoranda of Understanding on or before the 31st March, 1992.

(c) Does not arise.

Export/Import of Electronic Goods

2395. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the items of electronic goods imported and exported during the last year upto December 31. 1991;

(b) the details of amount involved therein; and

(c) the incentives given by the Government to set up electronic industries to boost the export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Major electronics products exported dunng 1991 are Computer software, B/W and Colour TV Receivers tape Recorders, Audio/Video Cassettes, electronics Instruments, X-Ray Machine, Ultrasound Scanners, process Control Instruments, Thyristor Power Convertors, PCs, Dot Matrix Printer, Computer Drives, EPABX, Transmission/Broadcast Equipments and Electronic Components such as B/W and Colour TV Tubes, Semi-Conductor Devices, Resistors, Capacitors, Connectors, Relays, Switches, Magnetic Tape, TV Tuners, Magnetic Heads, PCBs, etc.

The estimated value of exports of electronics goods is Rs. 840 crores during 1991.

Since foreign trade data is maintained only for broad commodity group, data for import of electronic components/goods is not separately available.

(c) The following incentives are available for export of electronics items

(i) Partial convertibility of Indian currency has been introduced to improve export profitability.

(ii) Profit on exports is exempted from Income Tax.

(iii) Customs duties on most of the items have been reduced.

(iv) Duty structure has been rationalised.

(v) No licence is required for import of capital goods (whether new or second-hand), raw materials, consumables, spares, tooling or packing materials.

(vi) To encourage software exports, Software Technology Parks (STPs) as 100% Export Oriented Units have been set up in various parts of the country.

(vii) A value added data communication network is being set up to facilitate export of software to all parts of the world initially from Delhi, Bombay and Bangalore.

(viii) Government sponser and facilitate various export marketing activities including visits of business delegation and participation in exhibitions.

(ix) Electronic sector units also can be set up under 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU) and Export Processing Zone (EPZ) schemes.

[*Translation*]

Development of Slums in Madhya Pradesh

2396. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide special assistance to Madhya Pradesh and some other States for the improvement of slums;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to adopt and implement the development scheme in Bhopal and other district of Madhya Pradesh on the lines of development and improvement of slums schemes launched in Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereto.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Union Government has no proposal for provision of special assistance to Madhya Pradesh or any other State for physical and environmental improvement of slums.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A comprehensive Habitat Improvement Project for improvement of slums in Indore City is being implemented with assistance from Government of United Kingdom.

There is no specific scheme for slum improvement implemented by the Central Government for Bhopal.

(d) Slum improvement projects are required to be taken up by the State Governments within their State Plan provisions.

[*English*]

Production of Scooters

2397. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly production of scooters by the Scooters India Limited;

(b) the installed capacity of scooters and three wheelers in the Scooters India Limited;